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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraphs on page 2, line 14 to page 3, line 7 with the following replacement paragraphs:

In one aspect, the present invention provides a method for resolving a web site address when connected with a virtual private network (VPN) comprising the steps of connecting a public host having a software module with a virtual private network (VPN) and having the software module route future domain name requests to a domain name server (DNS) of the VPN while the connection is active; the software module monitoring domain name requests from the public host; the software module intercepting the requests; the software module modifying the requests and routing the requests to the DNS of the VPN; the DNS resolving the requests and returning an address location to the software module as a domain name response; the software module modifying the response; and the software module forwarding the address location to the public host.

In another aspect, the present invention provides a system for resolving a web site address for a public host when connected with a virtual private (VPN) comprising a domain name server (DNS) of the VPN, for resolving domain name requests from the public host; a software module of the public host for monitoring and intercepting the requests, modifying the requests, and routing the requests to the DNS, receiving and modifying a response from the DNS, and forwarding an address location to the public host; and a communication link between the software module and the DNS.